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NO POLICEMEN AND NO JAILS THERE.

Philadelphia, June 20.—David Englander, son of Rabbi S. Englander, formerly a resident of Cleveland, has returned from Jerusalem, where he has spent twelve years.

In Palestine he devoted most of his time to the mastery of Hebrew and Arabian, winning a scholarship for the former. After twelve years in the colonies he married Miss Esther Stampher, daughter of one of the most widely known men in Jerusalem, Mr. Simon Stampher. For five years Mr. Englander was instructor of Oriental languages at the Institute in Petach-Tikwa, the largest of the Palestinian colonies. He was also secretary of the Municipal Council, a position similar to that of vice mayor or president of the council in some American cities.

At the home of his parents, where he is stopping with his wife and little boy, Mr. Englander told of the recent modern improvements in the colonies, the installation of a water supply system, the erection of a new hospital, stone sidewalks and electric lights being among the innovations.

A feature of the Palestine colonies is the entire absence of police officers and jails. Medical aid is given the colonists free, but is paid for by the city council.

The mode of transportation from the various colonies to Jaffe, the port of entry, is by camel. This will be replaced by freight cars as soon as electricity is installed.

Mr. Englander is considering several calls to take the chair of Oriental languages.—Cleveland Jewish Independent.

Distinction Between "Hebrew" and "Jew."

In response to an inquiry on this subject, Rabbi Joseph Silverman, of Temple Emanuel, New York, says as follows:

"Hebrew, Israelite and Jew are used interchangeable today, and they designate the same person—that is, a devotee of the Mosaic faith. Originally Hebrew was applied to Abraham and his immediate descendants, because they came from 'the region beyond,' which the word Eben—not of Hebron—signifies. From the fact that the twelve sons of Israel, the name Israelite became more popular than Hebrew. Later, however, when the ten tribes

were lost and what was left of them, including the tribe of Benjamin, became assimilated with the tribe of Judah, that part of Palestine inhabited by Israelites became known as Judea, and the people as Judeans, of which Jew is a corrupt contraction. Technically it is correct to speak of the Hebrew language, the Jewish people or the Jewish religion.

"Until a few years before the close of the last century a tendency existed among the Jews of this country to use the word Hebrew in place of the shorter correct one. This tendency caused the choice of such names as the 'United Hebrew Charities,' the 'Hebrew Orphan Asylum,' the 'Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society,' etc. This designation has been spoken of as 'apologetic' by Jewish writers and has fallen into disuse.

"The word Hebrew when used by a non-Jew, a writer on that subject said, to designate a member of the house of Israel is usually an evidence of politeness on his part. It implies: 'I know that you are a Jew, but I dislike to hurt your feelings by calling you one—I make it less disagreeable and call you a Hebrew.' But of late our neighbors have learned that this consideration is uncalled for and that we prefer to be known as Jews."—B'nai B'rith News.

PATENT HAT POLISHER.

Houston Inventor Has New Device and Will Install Factory.

A. M. Pesses of the Texas and Louisiana Has Company of this city has obtained a patent on a polisher for hat rims and now has one of them in operation.

This machine will do much more effective work than can be done by the old hand process besides doing as much work as eight or ten men can do by hand.

The device is simple in construction, light in weight and comparatively inexpensive when the amount of work and quality of the same is considered.

These machines will be manufactured and placed in the market in the near future and it is believed that they will meet with a ready sale as the machine has already been tried out in practical use.

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Confirmants Alumni Organize.

A meeting of the Confirmants Alumni was held Wednesday at Temple Beth Israel on June 14th. By request of the president, Miss Minnie Zindler, Dr. Barnstein presided.

The purpose of the organization was discussed and it was decided, for the time being, to be a social organization.

The next thing to come before the meeting was the subject of dues. It was fixed that the boys pay \$1.00 per year and the girls 50c.

The affair to be given was the next topic of discussion. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the affair take place during Chanukah week.

A committee of seven were appointed to arrange for the affair.

The following are members of the "Confirmants' Alumni."

Mesdames.

M. Frankel, Juliet Hirsch, Thompson, S. Raphael, Schatzski, I. Miller, H. Leiser, Arthur Block, Wm. Horwitz, Ben Levy, J. Block, I. Kaiser, Lenzberg.

Misses.

Estelle Moskowitz, Annie Wagner, Bertha Klopman, Minnie Zindler, Celeste Weil, Sadye Zorkowsky, Adele Levy, Jeannette Levy, Lebbie Lewis, Ray Nathan, Esther Brown, Freda Borchard, Perl Colman, Maud Goldberg, Emma Goldberg, Tillie Jacobs, Miriam Klopman, Rebecca Joseph, Gertrude Levy, Sadie Morris, Goldie Marx, Rebertha Wolf, Sadie Nathan, Evelyn Blum, Marcelle Weil, Hildagard Fisher, Jennie Scholm, Henrietta Lipper, Hazel Riglander, Rosa Kaiser, Celina Meyer, Adeline Schram, Blanch Wolf, Hortense Blum, May Landa, Lucille Wolf, Clara Fisher, Fanny Goldberg, Emma Margolius, Bessie Segall, Manette Bonart, Theekla Levy, Nathalie Sam, Wofrie Schuhmacher, Beatrice Jacobs, Julia Browning, Libbie Solman, Gertrude Applebaum, Sadie Block, Rosetta Hirsch, Sadie Margolius, Libbie Butler, Etta Gelbhaus, Bernice Lehman, Ruby Sandberg, Lena Applebaum, Amalia Joachim, Irene Sam, Lena Sandberg, Matilda Weil.

Messrs.

Leon Emmich, Carl Lovis, Jerome Moskowitz, Maurice Goldman, Maurice Hirsch, Marion Richman, Benard Burger, Sam Cohn, Harry Prince, Ben Taub, Ned Levine, Lawrence Lipper, Leo Rosenfield, Abe Wagner, Raphael Lechenger, Jules Keller, Louis Rosen-

berg, Sol V Altmont, Thomas Freundlich, Isador Keller, Maurice Nathan, Chas. Scholm, Eugene Chimene, Leonard Gabert, Milton Morris, Max Keller, Gilbert Lechenger, Gustav Gerson, Herbert Levy, Maurice Rosenberg, Isaac Bonart, Isaac Colman, Lawrence Lewis, Julian Weslow, Melvin Roof, Wm. Nathan, Leo Levy, Louis Wagner.

The officers of the Alumni are:
President,

MISS MINNIE ZINDLER.

Vice-President,

MISS ANNIE WAGNER.

Sec.-Treasurer,

MISS MARCELLE H. WEIL.

RABBI ELECTED.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 20.—Rev. Jas. Empringham, rector of St. Paul's Church and the first Episcopal clergyman to join that organization was elected president of the Ministerial Association at its annual meeting.

Rev. Dr. Adolph Guttman, rabbi of the Temple Society of Concord, was chosen vice-president after he had declined the presidency for personal reasons.

Rector Empringham consented to become the head of the organization only with the understanding that Dr. Guttman should take the next highest office.

The action of the organization in electing to the office the head of a Jewish congregation is believed to be the first instance on record that such a step has been taken by an organization composed largely of Evangelical clergymen.

Dr. Guttman expressed himself as greatly pleased with the compliment paid him. "I begged to be excused," said he, "but they would not let me off until I explained that my health would not permit of such undertaking. I agreed to accept the vice presidency, and it will be a pleasure to work with Mr. Empringham, who is a broad-minded, intellectual gentleman. The action of the Ministerial Association today, in my estimation, is beautiful. It shows such a fine spirit. It is a prophecy of a new era drawing upon the people of this country. It shows a broad humanitarian idea. While in things essential there is unity, in things non-essential there is liberty, and in all things charity."

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